

Introduction

As the following assortment of "observations" demonstrates, there are no hard and fast rules concerning collection development. Collection development happens in libraries. Some librarians take a fairly cavalier approach to it, some are very serious about it, most probably operate somewhere in between.

This variability in approach lent itself to an issue devoted to "observations" from a number of librarians on collection development themes. We asked for an assortment of short observations (not full-length articles) that might raise a few eyebrows and generate some debate in the library community. What we present to you fulfills part of our original design; it is left up to you, the reader, to complete the project.

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